

Graduate Student Advisory Council
General Assembly Meeting
Friday, February 23rd, 2018
Rathskeller Loft

1. Welcome, Introductions, Program Updates

2. Presenters:

- a. Dr. Michael Gillespie on Poverty and Food Insecurity in Coles County
 - i. Discussed the role of stigma in someone utilizing resources
 - ii. There are multiple resources available to students including the **Newman Center** (available weekly on Tuesday ALL afternoon) and the Charleston Area Food Pantry
 - iii. Food allergy accommodations are also available (gluten free, nut free, dairy free)
 - iv. Food insecurity is a major risk factor – but there are MANY options available to students!!

3. Announcements

- a. Do you or someone you know want to be the **next GSAC President!**?
 - i. Please contact Charity Huwe for more information about that application process and what this position is all about!
- b. **Life Center Conference** is the last week of March – exact dates to come!
- c. **Annual Bonine Suicide Prevention Conference** is March 22nd – register through this link <http://www.eiu.edu/counsctr/machform/view.php?id=12601>
- d. Spread the word about our **Alumni Speaker Habeeb Habeeb!!**
 - i. March 23rd in the University Ballroom
- e. Congratulations to **Dr. Mark Bayer** from the School of Business for being our **February Faculty of the Month** winner!
- f. Don't forget to sign up for the **Grad Expo** by March 23rd!
 - i. Taking place April 4th
 - ii. http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/gradexpo_exhibitform.php
- g. **Remember**, please read your GSAC Rep document, and share it with other program reps
- h. Our next meeting is Friday March 2nd, 2018 and will be back in the **Rathskeller Loft!**
 - i. We will be doing **Service To-Go** after this meeting from 1-2pm! Please stick around for a few minutes or the whole hour if you are able to volunteer!